



Part of Shell-riddled Forest Over Which "K" Company Fought

about 10:30 a. m. "K" Company's whistle signal was heard which meant that the Company was to advance immediately. The second and third platoons went over the top first, followed a few minutes later by the first and fourth. Lieutenant Elliot with the third platoon was on the right in the assaulting wave, supported by Lieutenant Spears with the fourth platoon. Lieutenant Hungerford with the second platoon was on the left in the assaulting wave, supported by Lieutenant Smith with the first platoon. Out of the trench they went, through shell holes, over trenches knee deep in water and mud, down incline in open field by short rushes till the center of the field was reached. Here the German artillery began to fire gas shells. As soon as this was discovered gas masks were put on, and by the time the Company reached the edge of the Bois des Manheulles it was scattered. In the meantime the Company had been attacked by fire from several airplanes that soared very low immediately over the territory occupied by it. After about 200 yards advance into the woods, at a